



#4 3635

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Venegas, Jr.

Serial No.: 09/597,318

Group Art Unit: 3635

Filed: 6/19/2000

Examiner:

For: STANCHION WITH SLEEVE AND METHOD OF USING SAME

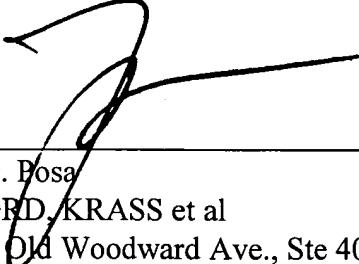
RECEIVED
DEC 21 2001
GROUP 3600

**TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF FILING OR BEFORE
MAILING OF FIRST OFFICE ACTION (37 CFR 1.97(b))**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

The supplemental information disclosure statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing date of the application or date of entry into the national stage of an international application or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, whichever event occurs last. 37 CFR 1.97(b).

Date: December 6, 2001


John G. Posa

Reg. No.: 37,424

GIFFORD, KRASS et al
280 N. Old Woodward Ave., Ste 400
Birmingham, MI 48009
FAX 734/913-6007

Tel. No.: 734/913-9300

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

Date December 7, 2001


Ann K. Andrusiak

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

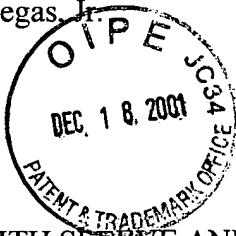
GIFFORD, KRASS, GROH, SPRINKLE, ANDERSON & CITKOWSKI, P.C. 280 N. OLD WOODWARD AVENUE, STE. 400, BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN 48009-5394 (248) 647-6000

In re application of: Venegas, Jr.

Serial No.: 09/597,318

Filed: 6/19/2000

For: STANCHION WITH SLEEVE AND METHOD OF USING SAME



Group Art Unit: 3635

Examiner:

RECEIVED
DEC 21 2001
GROUP 3600

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. The above-referenced application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. design application Serial No. 29/056,342, filed May 30, 1996, which is a divisional of U.S. design application Serial No. 29/019,652, filed May 7, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. D374,941, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application Serial No. 08/038,673, filed March 26, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,392,179. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the listed references are not required, although newly found references pertaining to this patent application are attached to this form PTO-1449 for the convenience of the Examiner.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other possible material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) exists.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

John G. Posa
Reg. No. 37,424

Date: December 7, 2001